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SUBJECT- ALLEGED RIVERINE PRICE GOUGING ACTIVITIES

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM STEARNS

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1. WE ARE DISTURBED BY REPORT CONTAINED PARA TWO OF DB-315-03866-74 IN WHICH LONG BORET ALLEGEDLY NOTED PRICE GOUGING BY RIVERINE SHIPPING ASSOCIATION OF VINCENT FERNANDEZ WITH COLLUSION OF SOME FANK AND NAVY OFFICERS. IF STORY ACCURATE, THIS IS PART OF CAUSE OF CONTINUING HYPER-INFLATION IN PHNOM PENH. FACT THAT HEAD OF THIS OPERATION IS BROTHER OF FANK C-IN-C ONLY MAKES IT WORSE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF REPORT, PARTICULARLY WHETHER ALLEGED ACTIVITIES ARE COMMON KNOWLEDGE OR CAN BE VERIFIED. IF LATTER IS THE CASE, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER APPROACH AT LEAST TO LT GENERAL SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ TO HAVE THIS STOPPED ON BASIS IT NOT ONLY HURTING HIS OWN EFFORTS DEFEND CAMBODIA BUT IS POLITICALLY DANGEROUS AND IS DAMAGING TO USG AID EFFORTS. APPROACH TO SOSTHENE WOULD HOPEFULLY RESULT IN REMEDIAL

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